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Sir:

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The cited references were brought to Applicants' attention in a Search Report and Written Opinion in international patent appln. PCT/US03/24212, which is a counterpart to the instant case. Copies of the Search Report and Written Opinion also have been submitted, and the Examiner may wish to refer thereto for a discussion of the cited art.

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Some of the references identified in the Search Report and Written Opinion, Gellman (U.S. 6,042,534) and Lehe (U.S. 6,273,852), already are of record in this application, and so have not been cited again.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing of an Office Action, and so no fee is believed to be due.

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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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